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PROBLEMATICAL BOOKS - Fiction

May 20

Gingrich, Arnold - *Ed.* ESQUIRE'S SECOND SPORTS READER Barnes $2.75

This- for the general reader interested in sports stories- doesn't measure up the first *Sports Reader.* Could it be a growing cynicism- or simply that these stories are more truly keyed to *Esquire* audience? Almost all of them give the seamy sordid side- most of them are tawdry. There's a grisly hunting story to start with, a guide plots death for the boss who offended him, and is caught in the act. There are numerous prize fight stories- big boxers are "fixed"; one good one, *Rose Into Cauliflower* has a new slant. There are anticlimaxes,- a pilot breaks an altitude record- but dies as aftermath; a kid practises with knives to be a bull fighter and is killed. The first half of the book seems wholly in this vein; the last half offers some measure of relief, with even a few stories of sports for sports sake. Authors include Hemingway, Gallico, Aiken, Scott Fitzgerald, etc.

June 4

Smith, Laban C. NO BETTER LAND Macmillan $2.50

(Originally reported for April publication in the bulletin of 2/1/46, as follows:) The story of a family and their life on a farm in Wisconsin in 1906, permeated with a deep-rooted love of the land and a man's futile attempt to make the land his own by keeping his children there. Old Abel had gone West and developed for himself and his descendants the finest farm in the county, but he was spending his last years fighting to make farmers and farmers' wives out of his children in the face of his wife's determination to educate them for the professions. A wise but kindly man, Abel succeeds in saving two of his seven children; he is no match for scheming, ambitious Marie. This is a first novel, slow-paced, with wispy threads of plot, colorless characters who spend their time bickering or posing as models of morality. All in all, a pedestrian, amateurish handling of a mighty dull story.

June 11

Verissimo, Erico THE REST IS SILENCE Macmillan $3.00

(Originally reported for March publication in the bulletin of 1/1/46, as follows:-) On a large scale, with a large cast, this is a long, composite novel of Brazil today - of several strata - and many individual loves as they are gradually interrelated. The suicide of a young girl provides comment, speculation, reaction in many:- in Aristides, well-known politician, fifty odd, and involved in an affair with a young girl who also sleeps with his son; in Norival, bankrupt financier, about to run out on his wife; in the Santiago family, Tonio, a writer, and Gil, his son, in love with the patient he attended; in Marina, who lost her only child; in Lustosa, retired judge and misanthrope; in Sete, a newspaper boy, etc. etc. Alternating scenes and portraiture - with little incident - for a competent performance, of very questionable general appeal.

~~June 14~~ 8/23 ✓

Wickes, Frances G. RECEIVE THE GALE Appleton-Century $3.00

The agonies of an artist, as he attempts to adjust to the world, and women, in fond, fulsome detail, recorded in a first novel by a psychoanalyst, who takes advantage of every opportunity for emotional exploration. David, a young teacher and a poet, gets a first rebuttal by the practical world when a male student's infatuation loses him his post. He goes to Alaska, with Elaine, who destroys his creativity, and

when they return to New York, he has an affair with Adele, who understands his writing. He divorces Elaine and is next attracted by Ruth, who frightens him off by demanding the conventionality of marriage. Finally, he meets Helena, and with marriage to her and a child coming, David seems happily settled....The travail of the artistic temperament in the outside world, expressed in overripe, almost orgiastic prose style which stops at nothing and includes such happy outbursts as "let us keep our own shiningness inside" or-if you like- "her livingness called out to him". --The market- it seems to us- is barely discernible.

June 17

Vidal, Gore WILLIWAW Dutton $2.50

A first novel of some tenseness and terseness of the loneliness and rivalry aboard a boat traveling from Andrefski Bay to Arunga, along the Aleutian chain, as the ship's personnel and the military passengers have their personal anxieties and problems resolved in the teeth of a williwaw. The Skipper, young and doubtful, earns his reputation for skilful navigation as he brings the ship through only to have Army save-face bring threat of future trouble for him. The 2nd Mate and the Chief Engineer end for all time their quarrel over Olga. The Major achieves his ambition for higher rank and the Chaplain learns that personal danger leaves its mark...and death accentuates the heighth of the storm...Peculiarly masculine in appeal, this is more concerned with emotional and psychological contacts, underlined by the nervewracking onslaught of the williwaw, than with a story of the actuality of war.

Shipman, Natalie NO SECRET CAN BE TOLD Prentice-Hall $2.00

Eminently rentable item along favorite formula lines, a dark and dormant past for the story of New Englander John Kenniston, who meets - and marries- Esther Lovell, divorcee, whose one stipulation is that her first marriage and its failure remain undiscussed and undisclosed. Esther does not realize that fear of her first husband is linked with continued attraction, but the unidentifiable constraint is sensed by the second husband, John, and survives even after the birth of their child. Gradually, John learns the history of Esther's marriage- through outsiders- the fascination of her first husband who was a fool with money and women. And only his death, on active service which makes him out a hero, releases the past and frees Esther to love John wholeheartedly. Readable.

June 20

Bassett, Sara Ware THE BEACON Doubleday $2.00

Cape Cod, and the turmoils of unrecognized love as Jessie Gale- "nice little thing"- now dependent on relatives, surprises all by arranging her own life, accepting the job as secretary to Thornton Ingalls, crippled, recently widowed, magazine article writer. Jessie develops into the perfect companion, reveals some interesting qualities of her own, and becomes a strong partisan of the novel started by Ingalls and his dead wife. She makes it her mission to get Ingalls to finish it, inspires him to work on it, but, when Jessie leaves him to nurse a sick relative, Ingalls recognizes the fact that his heroine has really become Jessie. Since he feels he can never ask her to marry him, he refuses to go on with the book. Jessie, ignorant of the cause of his stubborness, persuades his publisher to visit him in the hopes of proving to him that the novel is worthwhile. The publisher not only goes all out for the book but straightens out the obstacles to the marriage - and finds romance of his own...All yours, for the sweetness and light and faith department - but not mine.

June 21

Fabricant, Noah D. MD & Werner, Heinz-*Eds.* — A TREASURY OF DOCTOR STORIES — Fell $3.00

Some 35 pieces, authored by writers of name value, from the classical Chekhov, Turgeniev, to the on-the-way-to-becoming-classics Ring Lardner, Don Marquis, Jack London- the currently popular A.J. Cronin, Forester, Pearl Buck, Ben Hecht, etc. This is not wholly medical and the stories and excerpts include practitioners from country doctor to city psychiatrist, with proxy professionals such as the baby nurse, the witch doctor and the medicine man. Lighter moments are supplied by Clarence Day and Irvin Cobb, and the whole is not too scientific but follows fairly popular prescriptions for reading entertainment.

June 28

Goodin, Peggy — CLEMENTINE — Dutton $2.50

* Here's the Avery Hopwood Fiction Award winner for 1945- and this, almost alone of student awards, seems to produce a high percentage of newcomers who have proved better than one book authors.... A chronology with funny, tender highspots, that manages growing pains without parody or maudlinity, that avoids soul searchings while offering cubit-adding, in which young Clem, from 10 to 16, achieves a balance between her burning desire to be a boy, competing on equal terms with boys, and the necessity of becoming a young lady. In the life of the small Indiana town, where her father is Mayor, Clem drives her parents to despair with her hoydenish behavior, her rebellion against any resemblance to a girl - in looks or actions- and focuses her rivalry on Hank, who is the one to make her cry "uncle" in a fist fight. Clem tries to run away, is eased through "pooberty" by the humorous understanding of a teacher; acquires distaste for a friend whom Hank is now squiring; wins an oratorical contest against Hank; learns a few feminine tricks; goes to New York by herself and has an enlightening stay; and on her return she and Hank discover they love each other, just as the war starts... Very pleasant, lightly subsurface tale of adolescence, which sneaks up on you.

July 11

Marlett, Melba — TOMORROW WILL BE MONDAY — Doubleday $2.50

Familiar, feminine situations combined to make likeable, lifelike entertainment for women who want stories about identifiable characters. This is a very readable, recognizable story of three sisters, as their tastes and temperaments condition their lives for better and for worse. There is Eleanor, groomed by superficial, monied standards, who lands the right husband through family pressure, subordinates all inclinations and emotions to lead the right life, learns its cost in later years. There is Penelope, prettiest of the three, pleasure-loving, a tease and a tramp, who makes several marriages before a man in his 50's gives her as good as he gets and age jeopardizes her acquisitions. And finally Martha, serious, studious, short on looks and on boys, who becomes a teacher- writing on the side, and finally foregoes her independence for marriage to Bill- and a baby - and adjusts a career, a family and homemaking, not too easily but with ultimate success. Mid-west, smallish town setting. For rent rather than for sales.

Hunt, Barbara — SEA CHANGE 8/15 — Rinehart $2.50

Superior hair-raising- this belongs definitely to the shake and shudder school, a nightmare build-up to gruesome black magic in 1825 New England. Heiress Lucy buys

Esteem as a husband when she purchases for him the ship he wants, but her demoniac possessiveness is not satisfied until she finds that magic offers her a chance further to control his life. Her early efforts spur her on, and she realizes success when she learns that she has killed - by her powers- a woman Esteem had admired overmuch on his voyage. With that sign, she is encouraged to squander her fortune for books which will teach her more; she introduces Esteem's bastard and her mother into the house, she strives to secure a child's heart so that her black arts may be perfected. She lets a maid servant hang for murder she herself has done; she holds the respect of the community; she learns of the murder of her husband in London and secures control of his ghost. At last she is thwarted by a kindly witch, and is finally imprisoned in her own wickedness with Esteem's ghost and the ghost of the woman he had really loved. Materializations, pre-vision, human sacrifice, and an indomitably vindictive woman- a blend that has established an assured market.

Practically Published

Runyon, Damon IN OUR TOWN Creative Age
$2.00

Garth Williams' pictures for 27 short shorts by the master of moderate effects as he writes of the human failings of the citizens of our town, in pointed, spare and often wry humor. Characters that range from Our Old Man whose motto is "Never blame the booster for what the sucker does" caught up with him in full force,- to overworked Dr. Brackett whose tombstone, made from his shingle, was "Dr. Brackett, Office Upstairs"- to a henpecked wife who turned to murder, a perennial soldier whose war wounds were inflicted by females,- to the Jones' family who won the town's disfavor because money did not spoil them, the homely girl, who once out of pity was given a royal rush and was forever spoiled, a young doctor who managed to quell gossip by quarantine, a newspaper editor who found success when he turned from sweetness and light to vilification, and so on and so on. A combination of a cracker-barrel gossip, down to earth bawdines, and lusty vigor for what are more or less amplified sardonic drolleries. (Publ.)

Rosenfeld, Isaac PASSAGE FROM HOME Dial
$2.50

An intelligent, somewhat introspective backward look to an isolated period in the youth of a boy, which has much that is authentic (perhaps autobiographical?) in quality, if at the same time not appealing or attractive. This is the story of Bernard, of an orthodox Jewish family in Chicago, at a time of cleavage - in adolescence- from his father whom he cannot meet on equal terms. This is the story of Bernard's attraction to his young aunt, Minna, who leads an independent life as a "modern" woman, thus incurring the family's disapproval. Later on, Bernard learns, to his even greater emotional confusion, that Minna had been involved in some way with his father. Bernard runs away from home and becomes a hanger-on in Minna's rather tawdry life with other men, with his good for nothing cousin Willie. And finally, Bernard goes home to confront his father but finds himself still unable to talk the thing out...A first novel, of father-son relationship, the love-hate, attraction-evasion, guilt and fear of which it is compounded. Not an easy book to place. For a specialized, hand-picked market.

POCKETFUL OF CRIMES

June 20

Gardiner, Dorothy BEER FOR PSYCHE Doubleday
$2.00

Pretty strained effort to compete in the homicide cum humor lists - this picnic with poison, and another "did-he-fall-or-was-he-pushed" murder. With a New England town refusing to recognize murder, the family affairs of Psyche are sleuthed by her critical sister, who, in turn, is aided by her ex-suitor, the doctor. Exaggerated, from nomenclature to red herrings.

✓ June 27

Campbell, Alice WITH BATED BREATH Random House $2.00

A gripping, unnerving mystery of a gloomy English mansion with hidden rooms and unused tunnels, whose inmates are not at all above suspicion of three unsolved murders -- until Avis, the bright, curious American girl, in accidental, girl scout fashion, unravels the triple crime, after surviving several murder attempts and trying to prove the innocence of the killer. Here is a tense, foreboding stage of pathological characters - Maud, owner of Turrets who wants her sister declared insane; Erica, the meek, spritely epileptic sister; Robin, adopted son with poor relation status and martyrish inclinations; and various hangers-on. Into this web goes scared but curious Avis, who shares her chills while keeping the reader off the right trail. Effective mystery atmosphere, with intricate multiple plot.

Ford, Leslie THE HONOLULU STORY Scribner $2.00

A new setting for another Grace Latham-Colonel Primrose yarn. And again Grace bungles the evidence and spoils the colonel's best laid plots. The story opens on an eerie note with the atmosphere of native superstition which actually has little to do with the subsequent sequence of night terrors, hidden bad men, broken engagements, problems of mixed heritage and mistaken identity, all a potpourri for sustaining reader interest. Those who died were well dead however, even if the unravelling of the mystery proves not exactly orthodox mystery fare. Oh yes, the Colonel proposes and Grace disposes- and the hard-bitten Sergeant Buck does a John Alden. (S.E.P.)

July 2

Short, Luke CORONER'S CREEK Macmillan $2.00

The Short, smooth treatment for a story of personal reprisal as Chris Danning, bitter and determined to get revenge for the death of his girl, tabs his antagonist in Younger Miles - who with the sheriff as father-in-law and a rough crew, has gained unlimited power and money. Playing a lone hand, Chris finally gets support as the sheriff, to gain his self-respect, quits on Miles, lines up with Chris and the dead girl's brother to inflict a warranted end. Good.

July ~~5~~ 12

Quentin, Patrick PUZZLE FOR FIENDS Simon & Schuster $2.00

* Peter Duluth, without Iris, finds himself the victim of an accident which brings on amnesia, makes a colossal return to consciousness as he acquires the identity of Gordy Friend, a sister, Marny, a mother, and a wife, Selena, who attracts him mightily. Virtually a prisoner in a plaster cast, Gordy's suspicions increase, he finds that much hinges on his ability to prove his conversion from alcoholism, and- as he passes the test of a Clean Living League, he fails that of the police who finally are aroused to investigate a murder. But it is Gordy who, to save his skin, gets the evidence, recovers his memory and returns happily to Iris. High jinks ending in fairly severe suspense, this is again a bright, amusing addition to this series.

BANTAM BOOKS (Each $.25) for June

Addams, Chas. - DRAWN AND QUARTERED
Avery, A.A. - ANYTHING FOR A QUIET LIFE
Forester, C.S.- THE CAPTAIN FROM CONNECTICUT
Woollcott, Aex.- LONG, LONG AGO

DELL BOOKS (Each $.25) for June

Baldwin, Faith- HONOR BOUND
Lambert, A.E.- WOMEN ARE LIKE THAT
Larrimore, Lida- ROBIN HILL
Lee, Fannie H. - HALF ANGEL

GARDEN CITY. - for June

Blakiston Company

New Home Libary

Doring, P.-HOME BOOK OF MONEY SAVING FORMULAS (An original- $1.00)

Circle Books

Mackenzie, R.C. Ed.-OLD FAVORITE SONGS & HYMNS (An original- $.69)

Triangle Books (Each $.49)

Baldwin, Faith- THAT MAN IS MINE
Carson, Robt.- THE BRIDE SAW RED
Curwood, J.O. - FLAMING FOREST
Gardner, E.S. - THE CASE OF THE CURIOUS BRIDE
Norris, Kathleen- TREEHAVEN
Taylor, Rosemary- CHICKEN EVERY SUNDAY

Garden City Publ. Co.

De Luxe Books $2.49

Fishbein, M.-MODERN HOME MEDICAL ADVISOR

Sun Dial Press

Steen, M.-THE SUN IS MY UNDOING -$1.49
Steel, W.D.-THAT GIRL FROM MEMPHIS -$1.00
Wickenden, Dan- THE WAYFARERS -$1.00
Queen, Ellery-THERE WAS AN OLD WOMAN-$ .79

Blue Ribbon Books (Each $1.00)

Thomas, H. & D.L.- *Editors*
LIVING BIOGRAPHIES OF FAMOUS NOVELISTS
LIVING BIOGRAPHIES OF GREAT PAINTERS

GROSSET & DUNLAP

for May

Popular Copyrights- (Each $1.00)

Disney, D.C.- THE 17th LETTER
Lockridge, F.& R.- KILLING THE GOOSE
Reilly, Helen- MURDER ON ANGLER'S ISLAND

Books of Distinction- (Each $1.00)

Gunther, John- THE TROUBLED MIDNIGHT
Ostenso, Martha- O RIVER, REMEMBER
Richter, Conrad- THE FREE MAN

Film Tie-Ins (Each $1.00)

Haycox, Ernest- CANYON PASSAGE
Busch, Niven- TILL THE END OF TIME
Cain, J.M.- THE POSTMAN ALWAYS RINGS TWICE
Wister, Owen- THE VIRGINIAN

for June

Popular Copyright (Each $1.00)

Gardner, E.S.- THE CASE OF THE GOLDIGGER'S PURSE

Special- $1.39

Knight, Brigid- WALKING THE WHIRLWIND

Forester, C.S. (Each $1.00)
BEAT TO QUARTERS
SHIP OF THE LINE
FLYING COLOURS

Special Film Tie-in for May - $1.49

Cronin, A.J.- THE GREEN YEARS

MUST BOOKS

June 5

Bromfield, Louis A FEW BRASS TACKS Harper $2.75

Louis Bromfield has a lot of worth while things to say which a great many people will read because Louis Bromfield is writing them. It is here on his name - and the sure sales resulting thereby- rather than on the originality of his opinions (which are perhaps too often prejudices) or the brilliance of the presentation. This book is a *pot pourri* - with a plea for return to the soil to harness its potential powers and riches so that we may prosper, as his basic theme. Whether he strays down the lane of the fallacies of over-generosity until we know how much we can spare, or whether he is discussing the perils of government intervention, or whether he is bewailing the evils of the cities, he comes back repeatedly to the warning against our lifelong propensity to waste our real wealth by greedy practices, and to insistence on the cultivation of a policy of abundance with lower prices to consumer and higher profits to farmer. At times he seems to be verging on isolationism in his warnings against the Keynes' economics policy as a false premise under which Britain will secure money and credit in order to fleece us of our real wealth. He shows how we have stripped ourselves beyond wisdom- spending of our oil, our minerals, our coal, our soil. He warns that political ideologies are born of economic conditions. He cries havoc over OPA and inflation, blaming price control as operated. He reviews the tragic history of waste, endorses two government achievements, the Farm Security Administration and the T.V.A., as setting a pattern of the right kind of government investment, while condemning government buying, subsidies, and administration in the hands of dreamers and incompetents. He sees the answer to our agricultural redemption in more intensive cultivation by scientific methods on less land, areas put back into lumber, effort put into study of distribution, linking of agriculture with industry, creation of conditions in which democracy would survive through advances in economic conditions and literacy. The last section of the book is somewhat separate,- its subject - the trends in world politics toward the Soviet policy of economic union, and sees it as an inescapable step which may lead to world union. Vast areas will prosper and then the soil will be ripe for democracy again. We must not allow ourselves to be manoeuvred by Britain into conflict with the Soviet to save British imperialism. He urges dismemberment of Germany, and decries the soothing syrup of the UNO when what the world needs is a violent purge....Provocative.

Names for Sales- But Few Big Books

Jan Struther with a collection of writings, A POCKETFUL OF PEBBLES (Harcourt); Walter Pitkin with further regenerative counsel, THE BEST YEARS (Current Books); Henry Wallace's account of his trip, SOVIET ASIA MISSION (Reynal & Hitchcock); Emily Hahn has collected her New Yorker pieces in HONG KONG HOLIDAY (Doubleday); and Winston Churchill, SECRET SESSION SPEECHES (Simon & Schuster)....For my choice, I'd take a dark horse, Dane Chandos' ABBIE (Putnam), and one of the best of all cookbooks, HOW TO COOK WELL by Ann Roe Robbins (Crowell). See pages following for reports.

PROBLEMATICAL BOOKS - Non-fiction

~~May 16~~ 6/13

Angoff, Charles THE BOOK OF LIBEL Duell, Sloan & Pearce (Essential Books) $7.50

Handbook of basic statutes of the states, including the D.of C. and 15 cases to make clear, for those dependent on the printed word, what the definitions of libel are so that possible suits may be avoided. The cases, prefaced by a summary of the

important points of law involved and decided by the high courts, embody many aspects of libel as they cover suits against public officials, religions, illness, suicide, dead people, mistaken identity, headlines, debt, advertising, word usage, fiction, etc. With the states' statutes, this provides a guide to the maze of implications possible in print, with definite reference for publishers, writers, law classes. Indexed.

May 16

Cole, Margaret BEATRICE WEBB Harcourt,Brace $3.00

Two comments, made by the author, convey the essence of the strength and weakness of this book better than I can. Of Beatrice Webb she says:- "Her life history is the social history of two generations" - but she acknowledges that "like the happy countries, she had almost no personal history"....The book is valuable as a social document; as a personal record it seems cold, almost colorless. Beatrice Potter's girlhood prepared her for a conventional life in a social atmosphere of conservative "county"- she "came out"- had her London season- was schooled for running on elaborate household in upper-class society. Herbert Spencer, a friend of the family, opened some windows for her. But her own restless urge to break the bonds carried her beyond and her marriate to Sidney Webb became a life partnership,- in the Fabian Society, as advocates of Trade Unionism, Co-operatives, Socialism, as founders of the London School of Economics, as inaugurators of programs for social betterment that are reflected in today's Beveridge Report, as honored guests of the USSR and as authors of *Soviet Communism* and numerous other works in their especial field.

May 20

Nelson, Byron WINNING GOLF Barnes $2.50

One of the truly great golfers of all times describes in detail how he uses each club to make every type of shot from the tee to the cup. Eighty five pictures illustrate each important detail of grip, stance, swing, etc. In spite of dozens of good books on golf, this should stand at the top because of its simplicity, clarity, and honesty on the part of a great golfer who makes no secret of his methods. Should help any duffer who studies it and practices its principles to reduce his score. The expert likewise should profit. With widely increased popularity of golf now that courses are reopening, this should be a sure seller. Preface by Grantland Rice.

May 22

Spock, Dr. Benjamin THE COMMONSENSE BOOK OF BABY AND CHILD CARE Duell,Sloan & Pearce $3.00

* Twice postponed, this is now scheduled for May 22. Reported P. 501 as follows:- This is *the book* to bring parents up to date on the bringing up of children. Here, for the first time, is a book of infant and child care which combines basic physical and medical information with psychological interpretation, which makes available - and easily accessible- the evidence of the specialists (Gesell, Levy, etc.) and translates modern theory into the actuality of handling your child. Throughout there is a consideration of emotional factors - ignored by the standard texts, Bartlett and Holt, and more recently Bundesen. From the everyday practicalities - the right equipment - the right clothes, on to feeding, breast and bottle, growth and development, first ailments and first habits, play activities, sleeping patterns, diet, etc. The one-year-old, the two-year-old, and on up with their specific age trends and needs. Diseases and illnesses and what to do - or to let your doctor decide to do. Special problems of the premature, the adopted or the handicapped child; the working mother; the nursery school, etc. And throughout, whether in relation to weaning, toilet training, feeding, sex, the second child, schooling - the psychological and emotional implications are coordinated with the physical. Dr. Spock is never pedantic, never regimented, but reassuring, flexible and interpretative - approaching childhood and parenthood in terms of the maximum ease and enjoyment. Fully indexed. Amusingly illustrated in line.

May 27

Laurents, Arthur — HOME OF THE BRAVE — Random House
&
Anouilh, Jean — ANTIGONE AND THE TRYANT — Each $2.00

Two Broadway successes in book form. The first, a brilliant play dealing with the problems we fought for, as evidenced in the twisted mind of a shell-shocked soldier. The second, a modern version of Sophocles' tragedy, in which Katharine Cornell is starring.

Elton, Lord — IMPERIAL COMMONWEALTH — Reynal & Hitchcock $4.50

Here, in one volume, is a much-needed history of the British Commonwealth Inevitably, with over 400 years to be compressed into this space, the author has had to choose the broader aspects, highlighted with profiles of world figures, backgrounded by world events, but with attention focussed on empire building, from the earliest ventures of the explorers to bringing four Dominions to maturity. It was a haphazard, sprawling growth, surviving against odds- but the Empire gave the world something unobtainable elsewhere. The integration and paralleling of factual material is valuable; one could wish Lord Elton might have been objectively critical, less naively convinced that the Empire has "spread organized political freedom across the world".

Berge, Wendell — ECOMONIC FREEDOM FOR THE WEST — Univ.of Nebraska $2.00

The Assistant Attorney General discusses the future of the West, to which the war has brought a large measure of industrial capacity for the first time- presented in concise, cogent terms. Only if the channels of competitive opportunity are kept open, if monopoly and cartel control are avoided, will the West have its chance to survive the peace after reconversion. Here is an analysis of its potential to be developed - steel, aluminum, agricultural and mineral resources, the Missouri River which requires utilization and control following the lines of the TVA. Here also is the handicap of transportation, the regional discriminations which must be dropped to make possible her industrial development and operation... An important issue, in clear presentation, of considerable general as well as regional interest.

~~May 28~~ June 4

Alger, Joseph — GET IN THERE AND PAINT — Crowell $1.50

Along with Winston Churchill and other celebrities, you too can paint with oils - if you will follow the light touch, hand-on-the-shoulder guidance of the author, who blithely skips over the necessity of knowing how to draw, of lessons in technique, of anything but actually painting. He lists basic equipment and supplies, helps with still life arrangements, comments happily on tricks to reproduce what you see - and, at the expense of overruling the experts, manages to get you through your first picture. He then goes on to landscape, problems of human figures, perspective, techniques; he helps you see the pictures around you; he talks of lighting - until even the strictly amateur painter will get a sense of self confidence. Good hobby book- making painting a challenge anyone would like to take.

May 31

Schachner, Nathan — ALEXANDER HAMILTON — Appleton-Century $4.00

A judicious, full-length biography of Hamilton, elegantly aristocratic, brilliant, ambitions, an unrelenting fighter- from his illegitimate birth in the West Indies, to his dominant position in Washington's cabinet and the Federalist party. Here is the

traditional Hamilton, headstrong egotist, the brains and pen of his Chief, scorner of the mob, foe of Jefferson, Madison, Adams, Burr, chamption of a strong federal government, a national bank, non-interference in business. Schachner whitewashes the Reynolds' affair, Hamilton's relations with his sister-in-law, the speculation scandals, and presents a minutely inclusive, scholarly biography. There has been singularly little on Hamilton of recent years, and this taps new source material. Bibliography. Index.

May ??

Fowler, Col. H.C. RECIPES OUT OF BILIBID George Stewart $2.00

We've heard repeatedly that men in prison camps everywhere talked and dreamed of food. Here is evidence- tangible evidence- for this is a collection of actual recipes, repeated and discussed endlessly in long hours of hunger and desolation at Bilibid. Some of the recipes came to Col. Fowler from other prison camps, where they heard what he was doing. And the recipes, written on insides of envelopes, on scraps of paper, have been tested and approved by Dorothy Wagner. It is a slim book, but it has a lively quality, an imaginative quality, that makes one feel that here a recipe, there a recipe, must be good if the memory, in such detail, could bring it to the fore under such circumstances. There's no attempt to make it an organized and orderly collection; the arrangement is by national sources,- American, British, Chinese, French, etc. And there are tips on techniques that are worth attention. A new kind of cookbook, for the specialist. And for men.

June 3

Holland, Ray P. NOW LISTEN, WARDEN (Countryman Press) Barnes $1.75

The author of *Shotgunning in the Uplands* and numerous other sporting books profiles the adventures and excitements of game wardens' lives, as they hunt lawbreakers. These sporting tales of law violations in hunting and fishing are backgrounded by a real appreciation of the sports themselves. From the lead-off, a tall story, to stories of those who hunt out of season, or shoot protected birds, men who dynamite fish, rash duck hunters, aigret stealers, poachers of all kinds. Here is the warden, legal protector of wild life, tracking his man, resisting a bribe, catching citizens of high standing engaged in law breaking, letting other sorts of criminals escape inadvertently. Humor and adventure in smooth going narrative. Illustrations by Wesley Dennis. (There's to be a limited edition, 450 copies, signed by author and artist with special color frontispiece - $7.50.)

June 6

Struther, Jan A POCKETFUL OF PEBBLES Harcourt, Brace $3.50

* "Mrs. Miniver" reporting, after a too long silence, but this time with verse, essays, sketches, speeches, travel notes - a spritely salamagundi of awareness, precision; and elegance. These pieces - from England, America, abroad - reflect the direct, attractive appeal of her popular book,for her essays, like her speeches, are very much to the point and enlivened with a bright perception and quiet humor, her sketches - of characters, situations, incidents - have an appreciative insight of human weakness, everyday occurences, and a feeling comprehension of the nonsensical and ludicrous, while her verse, never unintelligible, is unassuming and gracile. Reprints from magazines and newspaper, these form a collection to be savored and shared, and an easy sale for her wide audience.

June 10

Pitkin, Walter B. THE BEST YEARS Current Books $2.00

The enormous popularity of *Life Begins at 40* (which was, incidentally, a much better selling title than this one), will provide a springboard for public interest in this, which carries him on to retirement at 50, and the best- because the freest - years. Here is his approach to that period in life, mentally, practically, how to condition oneself to the idea of retirement, how to taper off gradually (lowering pace, working part-time); how to vary activities and interests (traveling, reading, learning), how to avoid the dangers of too much ease, too much rest. Popularly presented advice, which nonetheless seems constitutionally counter to the American tempo and temperament. Can even Walter Pitkin alter that? Would that he could.

Wallace, Henry A. SOVIET ASIA MISSION 6/24 Reynal & Hitchcock $3.00

In the Spring of 1944, Vice President Wallace was sent as a good will representative to Soviet Asia. This is the record of that mission, an optimistic, sympathetic, enthusiastic record, which will introduce the average American reader to a part of the world of which too little is known. From Minneapolis to Irkutsk, 7000 miles via Alsib Line, Wallace and his party traversed in comparatively few days, the vast reaches of Siberia, visited mushrooming industrial towns, talked with the men- and women- who were giving of themselves to build a new frontier near the Arctic. Urban growth has proved that climate need be no obstacle- and he compares the region with our own Northwest and Alaska. Then on to the trans-Siberian towns, facing West- where the others had faced East. He took excursions by plane, by boat, to central Soviet Asia,- to Lake Baikal, to the Yeniser River, to the steppes- he saw Siberia's past and Soviet Asia's future. He reveals the close integration of urban development with a strong agriculture, collectivized and mechanized farms. He discusses the peoples, the government, the wartime impact of Western culture. The last third of the book deals with the end of his trip, on the Sino-Soviet frontier, in Mongolia, in China. The texts of his speeches reiterate the importance of cultivating friendship in peace as in war. Too bad the book has been so long in appearing- it seems oddly dated, though surely needed more now than then.

June ~~13~~ 25

Mezerik, A.G. THE REVOLT OF THE SOUTH AND WEST Duell, Sloan & Pearce $3.00

Both geographically and factually, this is a more extensive examination of the industrial challenge of our subordinated South and West than Berge's *Economic Freedom for the West* (see P. 210)- but it is a close parallel, both in attitude and analysis. Here is an expose of these areas shackled by Eastern capital, cartels and monopolies, kept poor at a profit for the East, oppressed by lower wages and higher cost of living, poor educational and health provisions, under rule of managers and absentee control, from the civil war carpetbagger to the present day corporate carpetbagger. Both South and West have minority problems to solve, for their own economic welfare. Here, as in the Berge book, is an analysis of specifics,- the railroads and discriminatory rates, the Missouri Valley and its TVA opportunities, steel- the symbol and most vital aspect of industrial independence- for which Kaiser has crusaded; reforestation, etc...A liberal, perhaps more lively presentation of an important impasse today, a potential tomorrow.

June 14

Bogolomets, Dr. Alexander A. THE PROLONGATION OF LIFE Duell, Sloan & Pearce (Essential Books)-$1.50

The Director of the Kiev Institute of Experimental Biology and Pathology

discusses old age in general, his own preventative measures in particular, in a brief but comprehensible essay. He explains that old age is the loss of the ability to regenerate by cell replacement, accompanied by symptoms in the nervous and endocrine systems, loss of flexibility, capacity, etc. He has discovered that blood transfusion is a powerful activator, and, along with other measures, can increase longevity and prevent repeating cancers. Dr. Bogolomets is no De Kruif- but that perhaps will give this greater credence in medical circles where it will be of primary interest.

June 17

Ogden, Samuel R. THIS COUNTRY LIFE Barnes $2.75

An evaluation of 16 years of living in Vermont - weighing the advantages against the disadvantages, showing how the advantages are greater provided the family has patience, understanding, and the will to try. This is a guide to those who contemplate country living; for them he advises a revision of the scale of values, he warns that material rewards are not so great as social and cultural, he sees farming as a way of life rather than a way of making a living, he shows the rounding of family life in real and not artificial values. He suggests responsibility in community activities, the values in education other than school. He outlines vital points,- how to select land and house, where to look for trouble, how to garden intensively, farming, paying guests, trades, small plants, professions...A psychological and mental blueprint for newcomers in the back-to-the-land movement. Illustrated.

Fair, James R. GIVE HIM TO THE ANGELS Smith & Durrell $2.75

A rough and tumble profile of Harry Greb, the prizefighter, a tomcat with women and a tiger in the ring where he made a million, lost an eye, and created a legend. Big, tough, crude, direct, Greb loved to fight for fighting's sake, alternated rounds in the ring with bouts with babes. Here, from personal acquaintance, from the recollections of those who knew him, are high spots and low in the twelve years he spent in the ring where he became middleweight champion, where he defeated Tunney in a first fight which was Tunney's only defeat...A masculine account of a mustang of a male, which has a brawny to bawdy appeal for the gents.

June 19

Ziff, William B. TWO WORLDS Harper $3.00

An overly wordy appraisal of the present international scene- the future prognosis- a world in which war will not be obviated because of the atom bomb. Ziff contends that the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. are the only two states of power- that there is no question of a collaborative universe and that the UNO is an absurdity, with only "euphemistic authority". He foresees war as the logical result of our present policies. Russia is a dynamic and expanding universe, revolutionary and ramifying - and only the U.S.A. can withstand her. Controversial and destructive as this may be, Ziff's counter proposal, that we find some *modus vivendi* with Russia, seems a little frail, in contrast to the violence of his criticism. He also pleads for strong hemisphere solidarity with the Americas to the south. One man's opinion- which we hope the future will disprove.

~~June 20~~ July 11

Drepperd, Carl W. FIRST READER FOR ANTIQUE COLLECTORS Doubleday $3.00

Originally reported for publication April 4th, on 2/1/46, as follows:- "In 1944, Doubleday published Drepperd's *Primer of American Antiques.* This is a companion volume, and like that excellent compendium of information, will be marginally illustrated with 491 linecuts, closely linked with the text. Since only text is available as of this writing, I can simply report that it should prove an ideal introduction to the beginning collector, who is not looking for museum pieces, but who wants to be able to identify period, type, maker, and comparative values in age, condition, authenticity, etc. There's a brisk outline on the start of furniture manufacturing- relatively mass production; there's an inventory of available antiques in a representative group of shops (indicating comparative rarity, etc.); there are wise comments on variations in prices. Then he takes up in order:- chairs, desks, bureaus, bedroom furniture, clocks, and miscellaneous collectors' items such as silver, Sheffield plate, pewter, lamps, candlesticks, pottery, china, glass, paintings, lithographs, and toys. This is the book to suggest to the customer who asks for a first handbook on antiques. The bibliographies at chapter ends will provide guides to further study."

Hahn, Emily HONG KONG HOLIDAY Doubleday $2.75

This is not a continuation of *China To Me* as the publishers indicate, but fill-in pieces of those years, largely from *The New Yorker,* when lively, unabashable Emily manoeuvered her way under Japanese occupation. Here are episodes involving her gibbons, particulary "Mr. Mills", whose ex-rayed peritoneum shows up miscellaneous ironmongery but who survived the doctor's verdict. They involved, too, people casually met,- Marie of the pretty manners and the kleptomanic fingers; Portuguese Mercedes; Bubbles, enemy agent, etc. Finally, they involve those closer to her,- Carola, her baby, Charles, the baby's father, and Charles' retainer, Ah-King, who provides avuncular care until she and Carola leave for America on an exchange ship. Enlivening reportage of a lady on the loose, but it has neither the consecutive nor the gossip interest of its predecessor.

~~June 27~~ July

Chen, Stephen & Payne, Robert SUN YAT-SEN John Day $3.~~50~~ 00

A biography of the founder of the Chinese Republic, career slanted rather than personality slanted. Materials for a definitive life were lost in Japanese bombings, but this is as fully documented as circumstances permit. In fairly compact fashion, the authors trace his conditioning as a young revolutionary, intensified by the European contacts made at Pearl Harbor, by his study of medicine, and by his growing determination to fight the existing tyranny despite setbacks that sent him on three world tours. His restlessness found roots when he was able to return to his own country and work on his dream. He tried to conquer by ideas rather than the sword - he withstood the Chinese lack of discipline- his book, *The Principles of National Reconstruction,* became the basis of the Kuomintang Party. Despite a wife in the Philippines, the public accepted Chin-ling Soong as his wife- later as his widow. He used the powerful secret societies for his work of progress and enlightenment- and when he died, he had achieved a position of honor before his people and the world. An important analysis.

June 28

Neumann, Sigmund THE FUTURE IN PERSPECTIVE Putnam $3.50

An exploration of the basic common issues in this new 30 years' war, so that

the meaning of the present may be understood through history,- this delineates the forces of destruction throughout the world, and predicates the possibilities of creating conditions of lasting peace. This analyzes the First World War, the failures of peace-making, the long armistice, the march of the dictators, the holocaust of war. The warnings that civilian patterns are demolished, that new and unleashed forces must be controlled and guided, that fascism, in germ, root and branch must be destroyed, that existing mechanisms for world unity hold promise of a people's peace...The book is not for the casual reader, wishing broad generalizations, simplified analysis, but for the carful, inquiring reader, who wishes to weigh the arguments for a hopeful future. An answer to cynics, phrase mongers and defeatists.

June 28

Chandos, Dane ABBIE Putnam $2.75

* Highly affectionate, amusing anecdotage of his English Aunt Abbie, as she surmounts all surroundings and situations, exerts her rather testy tyranny over equals and inferiors, and high-hands her way without losing the love of those around her, particularly her half-American nephew. Here are Dane's recollection of his aunt from the time when she routed his governesses, through his school years when she advised him, indulged him, to later episodes as Abbie bullies and bargains her way on the continent, breaks down customs officials, sentimentalizes over her gardens, her animals, saves a "fallen girl" for the sake of Britain's manpower, stalks beavers, dominates doctors, and remains undefeated by the fall of France... Erratic entertainment-fun. The author's *Village in the Sun* won him a host of readers.

June ??

Robbins, Ann Roe HOW TO COOK WELL Crowell $2.50

* This is the kind of cookbook I have been hoping for, one that is not only original and informative in its inclusion of tempting dishes, but that supplies the know-how for the cook who would become a better cook. It is a miniature *Cordon Bleu* for the American housewife. Mrs. Robbins assumes an understanding of basic principles-the book would not do for the complete neophyte-but she goes even behind those principles, she amplifies the instructions by indicating the whys as well as the hows, she suggests variants in interpretation, and the reasons for them, she charts the course she has chosen, and suggests the results. General rules-specifics-fine points-such is her method whether she is discussing breads, soups, meat, leftovers, poultry, fish, vegetables, salads, sauces, desserts. There's an excellent glossary-the best I have found: there's a provocative list of utensils for the perfect kitchen equipment. Tops!

White, Charles D. CAMPS AND COTTAGES: *How to Build Them* Crowell $2.75

Eminently worthwhile for anyone with the ambition to build his own holiday place, with exhaustive cataloguing of details from the author's own experience, and with plans and diagrams. Here are checks on favorable and unfavorable building sites, analysis of kinds of camps, step by step procedure, from materials and tools, to preparation of the site, framing and exterior work, roofing and fireplaces, on to interior work, paints and painting, water supply, costs, contractor services and finishing touches. The author outlines his own experience in starting with a small unit, eliminating errors, developing and enlarging for growth and new ideas. Practical handbook.

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Gipson, Fred FABULOUS EMPIRE Houghton, Mifflin
$3.00

The West, in all its individualism, opportunism and grandeur, fondly, indigenously recalled in a testimonial to the old tradition. This is a biography of Col. Zack Miller, born bushwhacker who became a great showman. He took his schooling on the range, preferring cows, horses and mules to books, sold soda pop to Indians on the Cherokee Strip, traded horses, bucked outlaws and rustlers, and-in the early '20's-ran $1,700 up to $75,000 trading mules. He fell in love in youth with the daughter of a Spanish grandee who was promptly sent back to Spain; Zack's subsequent two marriages never matched the romance of his youth. When he fell heir to his father's ranch he built it to the proportions of an empire, his outfit formed a dare devil show. Then in 1926, when times and tastes had changed, that show met its first failure, and in 1929, Zack, with the rest of the country, crashed. The story recaptures the highspots of a high-riding era.

Sigerist, Dr. Henry E. THE UNIVERSITY AT THE CROSSROADS Henry Schuman
20 E. 70th St. NYC.
$2.75

The publisher's first title in the trade field-but even so, the market would be primarily limited to scholars in the field of medicine. The book consists of a series of papers and addresses by a professor of medical history, formerly at Leipzig, and now at Johns Hopkins. One essay gives the book its title-and deals with the limitations of today's university with too much administration, too little research, evasion of controversial issues. The others discuss his own education, trends in medical education, curriculum for the future, etc.

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Graham, Elinor MAINE CHARM STRING Macmillan
$2.50

A title suggested for this book, *Buttons Are My Undoing*, sets the key to its content,-the pitfalls, urge and pull of this hobby. Her earlier book, *Our Way Down East* (1943), told of tolerant acceptance by her neighbors; when her interest in old buttons became known, she moved to the inner circle. From the digging up of a Revolutionary soldier's button in her garden to the selling of button gifts she had received, she traces the ups and downs of a consuming passion and chronicles the adventures in her search. There's the antique dealer who taught her her first lessons; the neighbors who helped her collection grow; the exciting trades and purchases; the discovery of new buttons and new friends. When she found that the commercial angle was in the saddle, she decided to stop...For collectors-a humorous, pleasant adventure tale.

July 11

Frost, S.E. Jr.- *Ed.* MASTERWORKS OF PHILOSOPHY Doubleday
$4.00

Excellent biographical introductions to about a dozen philosophers make this book something more than simply an anthology of their works. But even so, its value is primarily for school and college libraries and reference shelves. The text includes extracts from Plato, Aristotle, Francis Bacon, Rene Descartes, Baruch Spinoza, John Locke, Immanuel Kant, Arthur Schopenhauer, Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche, William James and Henri Bergson.

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Goren, Charles H. CONTRACT BRIDGE IN A NUTSHELL Doubleday
1.75 ~~$1.50~~
1.50

No shortcut this, nor is it a tabloid course in playing contract bridge. Rather is it an analysis of bidding for the expert, with supplementary data on opening leads, tactics of play, digest of important laws, etc. Good as a "refresher course".

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Westcott, Cynthia THE GARDENER'S BUG BOOK: *1000 Insect Pests & Their Control* Doubleday
~~$3.95~~ 4.95

* I fully expected to close this encyclopedia of garden pests with a determination to sow buckwheat on the ground prepared for my vegetable garden, and forget it. But when I finished, I decided instead to learn to recognize the insects, and how they work, to study the specific chemicals for the specific insects, to stop-look-listan, when in doubt, and use Dr.Westcott's admirable system of cross indexing (see plant host- possible injuries- possible causes then see which is the enemy and what the solution). And perhaps my preserve and canning shelves will bear witness to the efficacy of her book. It should certainly be on every gardener's reference shelf.

Wilder, Walter Beebe GRANDFATHER OBJECTS Doubleday
$2.50

.... but the readers wont, for these are hilarious anecdotes of a summer on a farm near Suffern, N.Y. Grandfather Beebe, his leg in a cast, is to ride herd on the author and his little sister as their parents tour England in seach of inspiration for the improvements they wish to make on the farm, to complete the "Master Plan". The parents have made supplementary plans for adequate supervision- and the lives of the trio are complicated by a fainting cousin, a lady artist with remembrance of things past, and Grandma Wilder....Mrs. Cragg, the housekeeper, flourishes despite her perpetual miasma; Jake escapes the penalties of his liquor making; Sheriff Babcock is utterly demolished in his melon-competition and willingly routed in his search for liquor stills; Nellie and Jake are married with trimmings; and Grandfather keeps a hurrah's nest of excitement simmering. At the end of the season he disposes of unnecessary incumbents-and all hell breaks loose in the watering system... Full of psychic collisions, tart anecdotage-and bland fun. Those who like *Bounty of the Wayside* in its broader moments will provide a sure market for this.

Valentin, Veit THE GERMAN PEOPLE 7/11 Knopf
$6.00

Originally scheduled for February and reported P. 541, 12/1/45, as follows:- "A book of this kind is needed, a comprehensive history of Germany, done from the point of view that the people are the country, and must be understood first. In spite of its tremendous scope, this is not unleavened chronology and statistics, but a consistent appraisal and barometer of changing epochs, of the constants in the German character. History-national, dynastic, social, constitutional and religious backgrounds, complex components of a country's character. Quick-moving survey of origins, rulers and cultures; the weakening of those rulers and the wakening of the people to a unity of spirit rather than of politics, so that revolutions in the 19th century and counter-revolution following brought the expert politician and statesmen into leadership. From these roots, and the debacle of the last war, Hitler and his Naziism emerged as the deformed perversion of earlier tendencies and the shape of the national character in this time. Now-in bitterest defeat-there lies the possibility of reclamation of the people, both in spirit and thought, possible through reeducation within the country itself. Valentin is one of the "Aryan" scholars to whom the Hitler regime made Germany intolerable. From 1933-1939 he was at the University of London; since then he has been in the U. S. This book is specifically written for English language use."

Williamson, W.M. THE ETERNAL SEA 9/30 Coward, McCann
$3.75

An anthology of lyrics of the sea, of narratives, sonnets, ballads, chanties, and divers forms giving poetic expression to that particular passion. From Chaucerian times to the present, here are many famous names (Masefield, Emerson,

Longfellow, Milton, Tennyson, Wordsworth, Whittier, Whitman, Shelley, Byron, Keats, W. S. Gilbert-and among the moderns, not too modern, Santayana, Robert Bridges, Coffin, etc.) Approximately 400 poems celebrating ships and sea, fishermen and pirates, sirens and mermaids, storms and blows, etc. A lot of water at one swallow, and there is a sameness to salty sonneteering which seems to call for strongly rhythmed versification---but among male mariners, there is a market for this. Gordon Grant pictures.

July ~~27~~ 25

Ishvani THE BROCADED SARI John Day
~~$3.00~~ 2.75

A disarming and affecting account of a childhood in Bombay, which forecasts phases of India's struggle for independence in one girl's modest escape from rigid, ritualistic tradition. This is the story of Ishvani and her family; of her doctor father, her beautiful mother who died at the hands of a servant when Ishvani was seven, of the new regime of the stepmother who resented their western ways and insisted on caste and custom; of Ishvani's betrothal, at 15, to Oxford educated Raschid who seemed romantic despite his being a compulsory choice of her parents, and of the fabulous wedding attended by 20,000. The disillusion of marriage, as she goes to live with in-laws who are not in sympathy with her particular sect. Lonely, restricted, with a husband who was not as emancipated as he seemed, Ishvani eventually runs away and leaves for England with her sister... In all its gentleness and simplicity, this is a revealing picture of Indian life, in one small segment-and people who liked Rama Rau's *Home to India* should prove a key to the market.

McPhee, Colin A HOUSE IN BALI 9/?? (for Asia Press) John Day
~~$3.75~~ 4.00

Through five years in quest of studying and preserving Balinese music, the author missed little of the atmosphere of Balinese life and personalities. This is a personal, intimate record that encompasses not only the musical cultures but the social, culinary, dramatic, religious, domestic and magical worlds. He won increasingly deeper regard, and building a home in the hills completely entrenched him. He studies the contrasts between the academic approach of the classic musicians and the living, creative work of the younger men, he learns much about the gamelans and their distinctive music and handling, he explores the dancers and their work, the meanings of the shadow plays; he helps educate a boy dancer; he recognizes the rift between white colonials and Balinese, knows that his isolation gives him protection, starts a children's music club, and is aware of the termination of the idyllic life with approach of war... In addition to artistic appeal, this makes a real contribution to depicting life in Bali. Illustrated by photographs.

Aug. 14

Gallagher, Buell G. COLOR AND CONSCIENCE: *The Ethical Crisis* Harper
$2.50

Dr. Gallagher traces the historical antecedents of the racial heresy of today; shows that white supremacy is both delusion and dementia, though economically advantageous to the white; warns of the dangers of our attitudes and policies as the colored peoples are becoming increasingly defiant in the face of discrimination; and holds that equality is the only solution-"equal and unsegregated opportunity for all races". It closes with a resume of the various church conferences in the past few years, and the function of such conferences in the future. Of religious and social significance, with the emphasis on religion, this is an examination of the color caste system and its violation of Christian precept and ideals.

Gesell, Arnold THE CHILD FROM FIVE TO TEN July 31 Harper
$4.00

This follows his *First Five Years of Life* -and is a Must in its field. Rewarding, for parents and teachers, these summations of evidences of growth in children, the gradients of physical as well as mental development, social as well as educ-

ative, adjustment as well as rebellion, Careful analysis of each age, of the meanings of various stages, detailed listings of typical behaviour patterns for sleep, eating, group, school and home actions, this covers the shift from babyhood to pre-adolescence in enlightening manner, with language technical only for precision, not as a barrier to the layman. This should prove a most welcome aid.

~~July ??~~ Aug 22

Churchill, Winston SECRET SESSION SPEECHES Simon & Schuster $2.00

Life Magazine published three of these speeches made in secret sessions of Parliament,-The Battle of the Atlantic, The Fall of Singapore, Darlan and the North African Landings-and good publicity cleared the newsstands of the issues almost as they came from the press-evidence of the lively interest in what the Prime Minister has said. As of today, there seems nothing sensational or startling in them-it has now been told. They are matter of fact explanations of unpalatable truths,-the necessity of secrecy, the tragic loss in shipping, the plans for meeting the U-boat peril, the reverses in the Far East. Some of the material seems in direct contradiction to statements made by others-particularly the material on the Darlan contretemps-so this is important for the record, as primary source material. It lacks-however-the spark that distinguishes Churchill's more public utterances.

Substantial Number Of Late Comers

Link, Henry C. & Hopf, Harry A. PEOPLE AND BOOKS Book Industry Com. $10.00

Consumer research-scientifically sampling public opinion-applied to the American reading public, by Link's Psychological Corporation, under the auspices of the Book Manufacturers' Institute and the Book Industry Committee. Some 4,000 people at all cultural levels the country over were selected to give some answer as to whether or not the boom in books will continue. Here, in brief, is the substance of the conclusions. Under reading habits, it was found that 50% of the population are active readers, but that 70% of the books are read by 21% of the readers. That there is high correlation between reading habits and educational and income levels. That of the books read, 58% are fiction, 37% non-fiction, adventure the most popular. 57% are borrowed; 31% bought-the balance "don't know". There's analysis of where borrowed, where bought;of prices, influence of illustrations, format; the question of cheaper editions vs.higher priced books (with the conclusions that reprints wont crowd out higher priced books); of home libraries; of how books are selected (indications are that advertising carries more weight than reviews). The conclusion that the current book boom may lag, but there will be a long-term increase because of higher educational levels today as against 30 years ago.... For expansion of details see Publishers Weekly, issue of April 20. (First week in May)

Casey, Lee- *Ed.* DENVER MURDERS Duell, Sloan & Pearce $2.75

Does not rank with its predecessor in this series, *Chicago Murders*, in either case history interest or chronicling, but this collects a new series of murders which reflect the city from her disorderly frontier days to the present. These are stories of murder, rather than mystery; of Gordon, desperado killer; of an Italian colony slaying in which a friendless, defenseless man was cleared by a fortune teller; of a wife whose tubercular husband was too long a-dying; of a piquant and passionate adventuress; of the contested trial of an Indian; of the unmotivated, unsolved killing of a child, etc. Open season in a wide open city, with Clyde Brion Davis, William MacLeod Raine, and Forbes Parkhill providing robust recitals. (Publ.)

Van Valkenburg, Samuel & others PEACE ATLAS OF EUROPE Duell, Sloan & Pearce $2.00

The Foreign Policy Associations's official atlas presenting salient facts of Europe's boundary problems, and the factors involved,-racial kinship, security, economic needs, minorities, etc. The text, particularly the section contributed by C. Groves Haines, seems slightly optimistic as to the influences away from nationalism, stimulated by the UNO, but Martin Ebon and Samuel Van Valkenburg seem baldly realistic. The inevitability of vast transfers of population emerges continually, but the historic basis of claims, the probable trends of decisions are suggested both in text and maps. The ever-present problems of the Ruhr, of Alsace-Lorraine and Luxembourg, of the Baltic states and Poland, of the South Tyrol, the Dardanelles, Albania, the Yugoslav federation, the Levant, are indicated in concise, pertinent fashion. A useful handbook. (Publ.)

Bergler, Edmund, M.D. UNHAPPY MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE Internat'l Univ. Press $2.50

In line with the psychiatric publications this firm has presented, this is a consideration of marriages, the unconscious motives underlying them, and the various types of neurotic marriages which result. Bergler is a psychiatrist of Freudian derivation, but modern, moderated interpretation. He analyzes here the difference between tender ideal love and physical sensual love; he shows how all neurotic conflicts originate in childhood, conflicts for which no marriage can be a panacea; he discloses sexual disorders, impotence, frigidity, closing with a classification of neurotic marriages, illustrated by case work... A specialized study, which, if technical, is more accessible to the interested layman than many psychiatric presentations. A sound job. (5/1)

Wise, James Waterman THE JEW IN AMERICAN LIFE Julian Messner Paper $1.25; Cloth $2.50

A book that should have educational value in the fight against anti-semitism, in that it will correct the too general types of misinformation by supplying positive data in place of errors. As Mrs. Roosevelt says in her introduction:-"They make up a comparatively small percentage of our population but their contribution is in some cases out of proportion to their numbers"....A picture book of outstanding Jews who have contributed to American life in the fields of art, literature, education, economics, business, labor, sports, science, the professions, journalism and agriculture. It is questionable, however, whether books of this type reach the markets where they could help. (5/15)

Culbertson, Ely MUST WE FIGHT RUSSIA? Winston Paper-$1.00

Culbertson is very vociferous in his indictment of the UNO and Power Politics, the supineness of our State Department, and the steps by which we are losing the atomic peace. He feels that fears of Russia are justified-and goes to great lengths to marshall facts to prove it-assuming throughout that the heads of the Soviet state are all their enemies claim. Then he outlines a real American foreign policy, and blue prints the amendments necessary to put teeth into the UNO charter and organization. This part of his argument has constructive value and bears consideration. Too bad it is prefaced by the very elements that contribute to a defeatist point of view-a hate Russia policy. (Publ.)

Just Received- for publication May 27

Catlin, Mary & George BUILDING YOUR NEW HOUSE Current Books $2.75

There's never been a season when the demand for books on home building has been more insistent. Here is a thoroughly down-to-earth, practical handbook, for the prospective builder. The authors have done it themselves-for sale, for personal use. They've actually done the building- and they've used contractor. They know the answers-how to secure reliable plans, how to read them, what sorts of building materials to use, where to save and where to spend, internals and externals, and the step by step procedure, which, properly understook and checked, can save the homebuilder regrets. What the book lacks in artistic appeal it makes up in workable limited budget values.

PLEASE NOTE THESE CHANGES IN TITLE, DATE AND PRICE

Duell, Sloan & Pearce
- Fast, Howard-THE AMERICAN-from 5/15 to 7/2. Literary Guild Selection. 107
- Hancock, R.-OPPORTUNITIES IN LATIN AMERICA-price from $2.50 to $3.00 143
- Loud & Wales-NEW YORK! (J)-from 4/?? to 5/15 178
- Schwarzwalder, John-WE CAUGHT SPIES-definite date 6/26 170
- Shridharani, K.-THE MAHATMA AND THE WORLD-from 5/10 to 5/16 142
- Spock, Dr. B.-COMMON SENSE BOOK OF BABY AND CHILD CARE-from 3/?? to 5/22 501
- Zacharoff, L.-*Ed.* VITAL PROBLEMS OF AIR COMMERCE-from 4/?? to 6/14 142

Harper
- Cockrell, M.B.-SOMETHING BETWEEN-definite date 5/8 80
- Mulac, M. E.-THE GAME BOOK-definite date 5/8 61
- Stimpson, G. W.-A BOOK ABOUT 1000 THINGS-definite date 5/8 92

Macmillan
- Andrade, J. C.-SECRET COUNTRY- from 4/16 to 7/16 89
- Bechtel, L. S.-THE BRAVE BANTAM (J)-from 5/7 to 6/18 125
- Brown, R. M.-THE SINGING VOICE-from 4/23 to 5/21 29
- Gabriel, G. W.-LOVE FROM LONDON-from 5/14 to 7/2 111
- Gamow, George-ATOMIC ENERGY IN COSMIC AND HUMAN LIFE-from 5/21 to 6/11 57
- Logan, S.-A NEGRO'S FAITH IN AMERICA-from 5/14 to 5/28 61
- Maura, Sister-INITIATE THE HEART-from 5/7 to 5/14 556
- Northrop, F.S.C.-THE MEETING OF EAST AND WEST-from 4/30 to 6/18 91
- O'Brien, John A.-TRUTHS MEN LIVE BY-from fall to 5/28 100
- Salisbury, H.-RUSSIA ON THE WAY-definite date 6/4 60
- Scott, Jessie-THE CHARITY BALL-from 5/7 to 5/14 48
- Short, Luke-CORONER'S CREEK-from 5/14 to 7/2 25
- Sitwell, Edith-FANFARE FOR ELIZABETH-from 4/22 to 6/11 60
- Smith, Laban C.-NO BETTER LAND-from 5/22 to 6/4 47
- Verissimo, E.-THE REST IS SILENCE-from 3/12 to 6/11 6
- Waller, Capt. John-CRUSADE-from 5/21 to 5/14 168
- Whittlesey, C.S.-NATIONAL INTEREST AND CARTELS-from 5/21 to 7/9 144

Putnam
- Campbell, H.J.-DIARY OF A WILLIAMSBURG HOSTESS-definite date 5/3 139
- Stokes, Horace W.-FROG FACE-definite date 5/3 157

Random House
- Davidoff, Henry- *Ed.* A TREASURY OF PROVERBS-definite date 6/27 122
- Harriman, John-THE MAGNATE-definite date 7/24 183
- Healy & McComas-ADVENTURES IN TIME AND SPACE-definite date 7/25 183
- Hibbs, Ben-POST STORIES 1942-1945-definite date 6/26 157
- McFee, William-IN THE FIRST WATCH-definite date 6/25 93
- Reilly, Helen-THE SILVER LEOPARD-from 6/?? to 7/10 185
- Reynolds, Quentin-70,000 TO ONE-from 6/?? to 7/11 186
- Stein, Gertrude-BREWSIE AND WILLIE-definite date 6/7 122

Rinehart
- Waters, Frank-THE COLORADO-from4/24 to 9/9. Price from $2.75 to $3.00 92

Simon & Schuster
- Howe, Helen-WE HAPPY FEW-from 5/31 to 6/28 111

Vanguard
- Goodman, Paul-THE STATE OF NATURE-from 4/?? to 5/?? 180
- Peattie, R.- *Ed.* THE PACIFIC COAST RANGES-from 4/?? to 6/?? 166

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SPRING JUVENILE SUPPLEMENT: No. 8

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PICTURE BOOKS

Stevens, Richard M. ZIPPER THE ZANY Wm. Penn $1.25

Subtitled *The Little Cat Who Tried to Write a Book* - this is a photographic story book with a rather coy text about an alley cat whose curiosity takes her into various adventures which briefly supply subject matter for photographs and caption text. Definitely appealing to ardent cat lovers - good photography - good book making, with paper and board cover, reenforced binding. End photograph with perforated edge for tear-out and framing. (Publ.)

BOOKS TO READ ALOUD (6-9)

de Angeli, Marguerite BRIGHT APRIL Doubleday $2.50

* Marguerite de Angeli is making a very definite contribution to young people's knowledge of regional and racial cultural groups in this country. In *Henner's Lydia* she wrote of the Pennsylvania Dutch; in *Thee, Hannah,* of the Quakers; in this new story, her central character is a little Negro girl. In a warm and friendly family story, against a Pennsylvania setting, she touches lightly, and with integrity, on the Negro problem as it affects little April, her life at school, her friendships, her scout troop. At a picnic she first encounters racial prejudice in lonely little Phyllis, but her gift for friendship overrides even this, and she makes a friend of Phyllis, too. Four color jacket, end-papers and 6 illustrations, along with numerous decorative drawings in black and white, will make this excellent merchandise as well as reliably good material for public libraries and private bookshelves. J.L.G. (7/11) (Listed for reading aloud because- as with her previous books in this series, format indicates lower age level than text, which would be difficult reading below third grade).

Fisher, Aileen THAT'S WHY Nelson $1.50

There are too few competent books of verse about everyday things for small children, and this one fills a real need. Gay verses about the things they find important,- the soda cracker crunch of snow, the fun of being rain-soaked, the shortness of the misnamed all-day-suckers, and so on. The author of *Coffee Pot Face,* etc., has a real talent for simple, charming verse, bright, amusing rhymes, lilting rhythms, and direct sharp silhouette illustrations. Cloth and board-sturdy format-good type. (Publ.)

Hogner, Dorothy Childs WINKY *King of the Garden* Oxford $1.00

Winky was a scarecrow who didn't know a crow when he saw one. With the cooperation of all the small animals, a rabbit, a squirrel, a woodchuck and a mouse, Winky learned his job. Nice pale green and black illustrations across every page- by Nils Hogner. The story is adequate but uninspired. Cloth and board. 36 pages. (Publ.)

Merwin, Decie TIME FOR TAMMIE Oxford $1.50

A how-to-tell-time book with a good game idea, and a story that may cause some confusion in small listeners. Little Tammie, going on six, has learned to tell time by pretending her arms were the hands of the clock. This is important, she knows, because she is learning to be independent, to some degree, and play in the supervised playgrounds at the city park (probably Central Park, New York), while her mother is at her part-time job - and Tammie can tell by the big clock when to be on the lookout for mother. Then, one day, while the plan is still new, Tammie runs after a dog that has stolen her teddy bear, and she gets lost. Peter rescues her, and shows off his superiority, boy fashion, until he has to confess he can't tell time. Then Tammie, and the game, win out- and they wait together until the right time, 12.30. The drawings, in soft pastels, give a decorative quality to the story. (Publ.)

STORY BOOKS FOR 8 to 11

Rankin, Carroll Watson DANDELION COTTAGE Holt $2.00

Pleasant, but a bit on the saccharine, goody-goody side, mild adventure story for this age level. Good small town family background for a story of four little girls who take possession of a rundown dilapidated cottage in return for an agreement to keep the yard free of dandelions. All little girls long to have a play house of their own - and in this story the dream comes true, but with a substantial degree of responsibility and hard work on the part of the young tenants. There's a happy ending, too, when Dandelion Cottage is the means for bringing two lonely adults into friendship again. Northern Michigan setting. Ill'd by Mary Stevens. (~~Summer~~) 8/22

12-15- FICTION

Cavanna, Betty GOING ON SIXTEEN Westminster $2.00

* This is Betty Cavanna's third novel for the teens, and again the girl and dog theme is an integral part of a valid story. Julie, at fourteen, is a completely convincing adolescent, suffering the growing pains of her years. Motherless, living on a farm, finding companionship chiefly in her dogs, feeling left out by other teen-agers, Julie gradually breaks down the barrier of her shyness by learning to become part of things. A few dates, joining in school activities, making her farm living room beautiful, working at the drawing which is her goal, Julie becomes a full fledged member of her group. Good story telling- sound characterization-contemporary. (5/13)

Morgan, Helen L. MISTRESS OF THE WHITE HOUSE Westminster $2.00

In February we covered Alice Curtis Desmond's *Glamorous Dolly Madison* (Dodd, Mead- P. 106). Now comes this second story of Dolly Madison, emphasizing the more romantic aspects of her life, and suitable for younger teens. Where Miss Desmond's study was more analytical and scholarly, with fuller background of research, this has more story quality and catches the flavor of some of the important personalities of the times in lighter vein. This can be sold as an authentic story of love and marriage, with historical facts and issues of secondary importance. (Publ.) JLG. Illus Phyllis Cote'

FICTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

MacDougall, Arthur DUD DEAN AND HIS COUNTRY Coward, McCann $3.00

This is a book that sportsmen of all ages will find enthralling - the stories will be familiar to those who are avid readers of sporting magazines. They give you the thrill of a good catch, the feel of battle with salmon, trout and even bass - which

Dud Dean looks down on but which admittedly put up a good fight. The author takes you hunting for rabbits, "rarecoons", partridge; he creates the atmosphere for adventure. He has a grand dog story that shows true love of dogs, and his people of the north woods are real. There's humor as well as excitement. (Adult report, P. 159) (May)

Forester, C.S. LORD HORNBLOWER Little, Brown $2.50

For the Hornblower fans- and they are teen agers and up- this will be surely popular, even though it is by no means top in the series. This may be the last- it ends with Napoleon's defeat at Waterloo, and the stay of execution which threatens the redoubtable hero of our tale. A lusty tale of perilous adventure as he goes forth at call of duty to deal with mutiny, takes two naval prizes out of the teeth of a Channel port, spearheads revolution. Then comes reunion with the lovely Marie, while Lady Barbara functions as her brother's hostess in Vienna - and during the 100 days, Hornblower, with Marie and her father, lead a small band of guerilla fighters to doom. (Full report, P. 179) (6/20)

Healy, Raymond J. & McComas, J. Francis-*Eds.* ADVENTURES IN TIME AND SPACE Random House $2.95

An anthology of thirty odd pieces from the new prophetic literature of science-fiction, introducing new concepts of the adventurous, fanciful, mysterious, and making plausible in print such things as interplanetary travel, robots and supermen, rockets and space ships, futuramas of rolling roads and atomic power. Modern masterminds in the field (Heinlein, Don Stuart, Willy Ley, Boucher, etc,) in a preview in fancy, perhaps in fact, of powerful potentialities, with all the fascination of conjecture. (Full report, P. 183) (June)

NON FICTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Monaghan, Jay THE LAST OF THE BAD MEN Bobbs-Merrill $2.50

The saga of a bad man in the James' tradition - Tom Horn, clever, confident, cold-blooded and trigger-sure. Horn started his career at 14 - left home, made his start as a cowboy in Texas, home staked in Kansas, mined in Denver, prospected for silver in Arizona, and hit his stride as army scout in border Indian wars. A brief respite as a Pinkerton man, then a notorious stock detective during "cattle wars" on the western ranges, Horn finally returned to terrorize the west as the gun-happy front man of the cattle barons. True riding-shooting history of Wyoming's wilder days. (Full report, P. 189) (6/7)

Smith, Nicol & Clark, Blake INTO SIAM, UNDERGROUND KINGDOM Bobbs-Merrill $3.50

Fabulous O.S.S. coverage of Siam, enemy kingdom of pro-Japanese puppets. Smith headed the Siam mission which maintained underground alliance with the U.S.A. - 19 Thai students were recruited in America, screened, trained, outfitted, and flown to Calcutta. In China they ran into a snag - and the first attempt at infiltration failed. Finally, liaison was accomplished with the Thai underground - and eventually Thais were brought out, trained and returned to set up their own schools in Siam. Authentic adventure, holding reading, in the first detailed account of this important mission. (Full report, P. 187) (5/20)

Cooke, Sarah Palfrey WINNING TENNIS AND HOW TO PLAY IT Doubleday $2.50

Women's National Singles Champion, with a handbook on the game,-details of equipment, clothes, types of courts, procedure of the game in play:- grip, strokes, tactics and strategy, the importance of relating style to physique. Singles and doubles, tournament tennis. Photographic illustration in sequence, gives the effect of motion picture of the sport in action. A good job- personal and practical. (Full report, P. 189) (6/6)

Sousa, John Philip III THE PSYCHOPATHIC DOG Doubleday $2.00

Chooie, of unspecified breed, led a highlighted career trying to live up to the turbulent family of which Sousa wrote in *My Family, Right or Wrong.* Their distracting personalities drove the small dog from early problems of getting enough to eat, to a grand debacle at a church bazaar, to devotion to a cat and her offspring, to passion for Bingo who brought all his friends to stay at the Sousa's, to sliding down slides and waging war against the gulls. Chooie attended church and bars indiscriminately; she enjoyed breakneck rides on an express wagon; and her exhibitionism, erratic demoralization and neuroses are told in hyperbole that provides some real laughs. (Full report, P. 191) (6/20)

Ewen, David HAYDN: *A Good Life* Henry Holt $2.50

A good biography of the composer, set in the background of 18th century Austria Haydn's life was relatively undramatic and his personality was genial but indistinguished. However, background details woven into the story make for interesting library and school material. Some of the musical details are a bit advanced for the average reader, though they would be important and interesting to music students. ~~(Summer)~~ 8/22

Mitchell, D.W. HISTORY OF THE MODERN AMERICAN NAVY Knopf $4.50

Too scholarly for any but the navy-minded layman or professional, but an important background book for that market. The four phases of our naval history from 1881 to Pearl Harbor - development of policy and influence on foreign affairs. Before the Spanish War, our Navy Department was confused and indefinite; then came the period dominated by Mahan, prophet of sea power and advocate of territorial expansion. Harding- Coolidge- Hoover saw the decline of naval power- and with Roosevelt came the process of rebuilding which was destined to save the United Nations. (For full report see P. 190) (6/13)

Robert, Grace BORZOI BOOK OF BALLETS Knopf $4.50

Quite specialized but those interested in the subject will find this one volume coverage of the history of ballet in the U.S. very useful. It traces the history, figures, revivals, works of modern ballet in extending the art. Then comes the part dealing with individual ballets, making note of performers and music, public reception, choreography, performances, decor, themes, etc. (For full report, P. 190) (6/13)

SPECIAL NOTICE- *Children's Spring Book Festival*

The N.Y. Herald Tribune is sponsor for this annual Festival, now in its tenth year. Due to the consistent year-round promotion, year-round publishing of children's books has become an established thing. Three prizes are awarded in three categories:- older, middle-aged and younger children's books, published during first half of 1946. A Book and Art Show, open to the public, is held in the Herald Tribune building from May 18 to May 25. Posters will be sent without charge to schools, libraries and booksellers who want them for display- and requests should be addressed N.Y. Herald Tribune, 230 West 41st Street, Room 1105, New York 18, N.Y.

Watch the newspapers for announcement of the prize winning books- and plan to give them window display and special promotion.

A CALENDAR OF NEW BOOKS FOR JUNE

FICTION

CONTEMPORARY

May 24-	Sinclair, Upton	A WORLD TO WIN (Viking)	$3.00	201
June 3-	Saroyan, William	THE ADVENTURES OF WESLEY JACKSON (Harcourt)	2.75	226
June 6-	Macardle, Dorothy	THE UNFORESEEN (Doubleday)	2.50	134
June 10-	Mitford, Nancy	THE PURSUIT OF LOVE (Random House)	2.50	77
June 18-	Bridge, Ann	SINGING WATERS (Macmillan) July Literary Guild	2.50	179
June 28-	Goodin, Peggy	CLEMENTINE (Dutton)	2.50	204
June 28-	Howe, Helen	WE HAPPY FEW (Simon & Schuster)	2.50	111
June ??-	Tabori, George	COMPANIONS OF THE LEFT HAND (Houghton, Mifflin)	2.50	183

PERIOD, REGIONAL, AND HISTORICAL

June 12-	Moore, Ruth	SPOONHANDLE (Morrow)	2.75	159
June 14-	Aldington, Richard	THE ROMANCE OF CASANOVA (Duell, Sloan & Pearce)	3.00	182
June 17-	Robertson, Constance	THE UNTERRIFIED (Henry Holt)	3.00	182
Sept 24 ~~June 20-~~	Forester, C.S.	LORD HORNBLOWER (Little, Brown)	2.50	179
June 25-	Sharp, Margery	BRITANNIA MEWS (Little, Brown)- Book of the Month for July	2.75	201

THRILLERS

June 6-	Stagge, Jonathan	DEATH'S OLD SWEET SONG (Doubleday)	2.00	161
June 14-	Powell, Richard	SHOOT IF YOU MUST (Simon & Schuster)	2.00	161
June 27-	Campbell, Alice	WITH BATED BREATH (Random House)	2.00	206
June ??-	Ford, Leslie	THE HONOLULU STORY (Scribner)	2.00	206

NON - FICTION

BIOGRAPHY

June 10-	Matthews, Herbert L.	THE EDUCATION OF A CORRESPONDENT (Harcourt)	4.00	234
June 20-	Hahn, Emily	HONG KONG HOLIDAY (Doubleday)	2.75	214
June 20-	Sitwell, Sir O.	THE SCARLET TREE (Little, Brown)	3.00	120
June 20-	Sousa, John Philip III	THE PSYCHOPATHIC DOG (Doubleday)	2.00	191
June 25-	McFee, William	IN THE FIRST WATCH (Random House)	3.00	93
June 26-	Schwarzwalder, John	WE CAUGHT SPIES (Duell, Sloan & Pearce)	3.00	170
June 28-	Chandos, Dane	ABBIE (Putnam)	2.75	215

ALL TYPES FOR ALL TASTES

June 5-	Bromfield, Louis	A FEW BRASS TACKS (Harper)	2.75	208
June 6-	Struther, Jan	A POCKETFUL OF PEBBLES (Harcourt Brace)	3.50	211
July 2 ~~June 7-~~	Stein, Gertrude	BREWSIE AND WILLIE (Random House)	2.00	122
June 10-	Pitkin, Walter B.	THE BEST YEARS (Current Books)	2.00	212
June 10-	Wallace, Henry A.	SOVIET ASIA MISSION (Reynal & Hitchcock)	3.00	212
June ??-	Robbins, Ann Roe	HOW TO COOK WELL (Crowell)	2.50	215